

FACT SHEET

1. PARK NAME: Amelia Earhart Park

2. PARK ADDRESS: 11900 NW 42nd Avenue Miami, FL

3. PARK PHONE NUMBER: 305 953-6024

4. TOTAL PARK ACRES: 515

5. TYPE OF ACTIVITY: New Playground

6. ELEMENTS OF THE PROJECT: Tom Sawyer Island is a man-made feature created in the late 1970's to complement the Farm Village built in the same era. Both amenities were the inspiration of Park's Director, Bill Bird (1977– 1993). Mr. Bird wanted to provide a pastoral haven where city-raised children could experience nature first-hand through play and through interaction with farm animals. The Island was designed to provide a play-in the-woods experience with challenging topography (boulders and a cave) augmenting play equipment such as swings and climbers. The Island underwent a renovation in the late 1990's when the first play equipment was replaced with a then state-of-the-art wood composite structure. The latest transformation incorporated the initial program and existing site features with updated play equipment and safety surfacing. The original separation by grade was reinforced with the addition of a curvilinear concrete retaining wall that replaced the existing wood wall and now serves as a place to sit, a balance beam and a launching pad for access between the swings and the climbers. Both sections of the playground are fully accessible (poured-in-place rubber in the lower segment and engineered wood fiber throughout the wooded upper portion of the play area) and provide a neutral floor envisioned to enhance the woodsy ambience of the site. New play equipment consists of a Landscape Structures custom PlayBooster unit featuring a tree house attached to a climbing rock and the new triple-deck Netscape climber. This equipment, designed for usage by children 5 years of age and older, is packed with slides, climbers, steppers, balance beams and spinners. A custom Smart Play Motion playhouse and learning wall will keep the 2-5 year old crowd busy with age-appropriate physical and mental challenges, and swings for all ages and abilities round out the play palette. A final and unique addition to this playground is three Freenotes Harmony Park outdoor musical instruments to nurture the inner musician in both children and their adult companions. This beautiful and distinctive island playground is nestled under a canopy of mature Live Oaks and Bald Cypress, completing the experience of playing in the woods far away from the city.

7. PROJECT DESIGN: Karen Cheney, RLA, LEED AP, Miami-Dade Parks Recreation and Open Spaces Department

8. PROJECT CONSTRUCTION (Construction Contractor(s): HG Construction and NoFault Industries. **Construction Manager:** Cesar Perez-Castañeda, MDPROS Capital Programs Division

9. LIST FUNDING SOURCES: GOB

10. TOTAL AMOUNT OF FUNDING: \$500,000